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Hurray for Henry the Green Engine!

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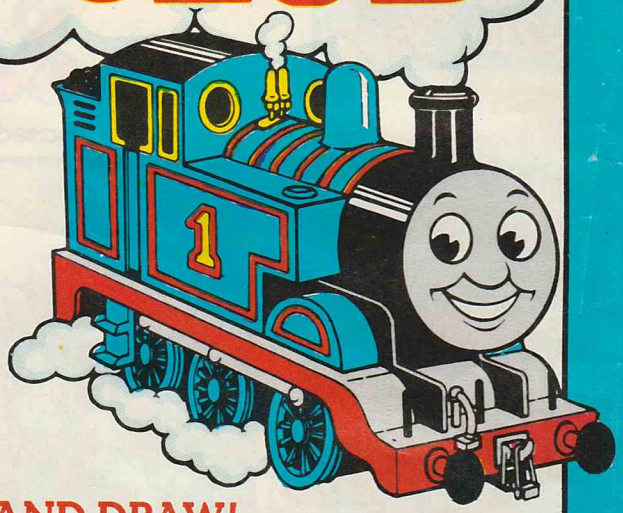

Henry is a big engine with a shiny green coat, but he has always been rather delicate. In this issue the Fat Controller decides to put things right. Peep! Peep!

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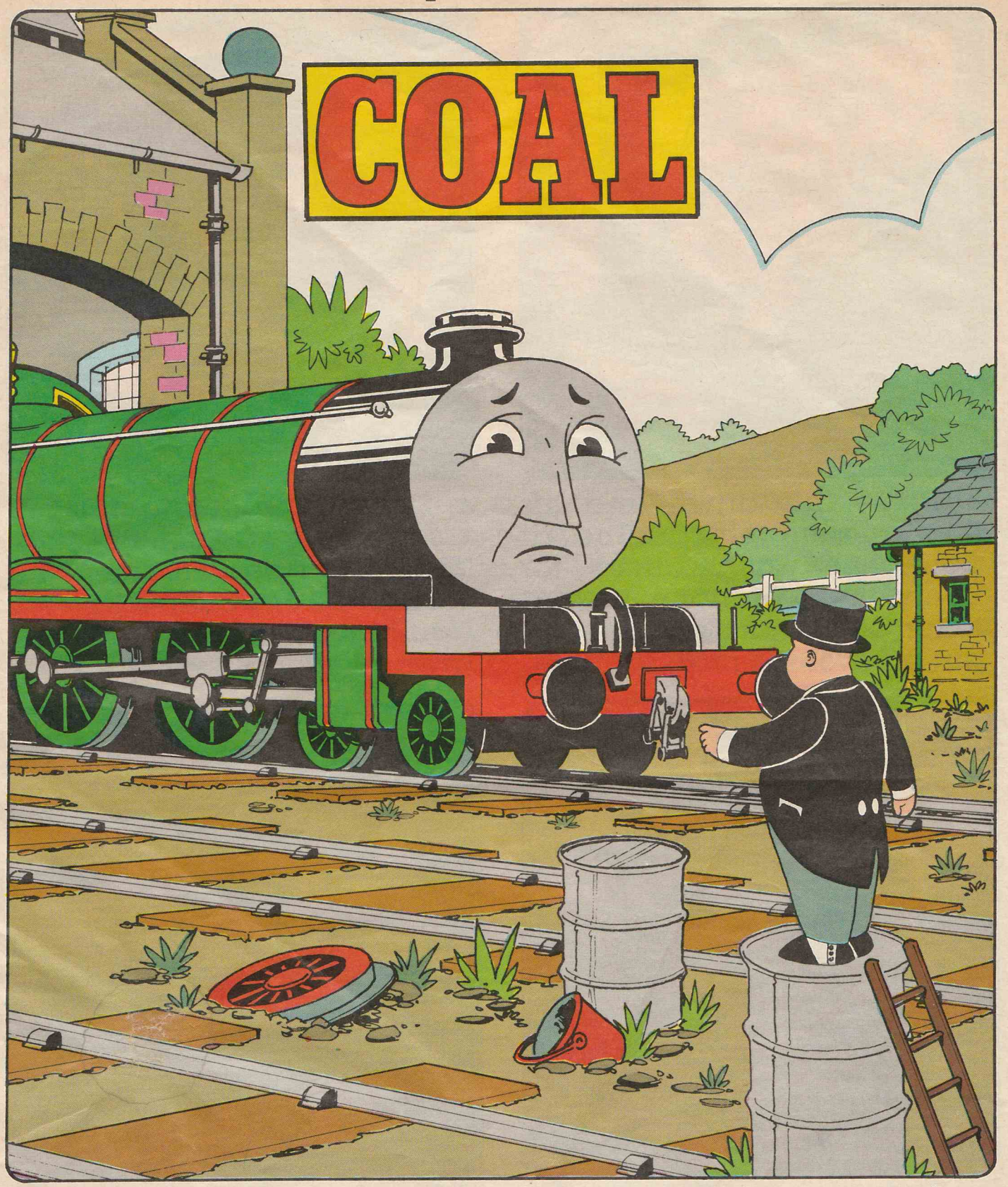
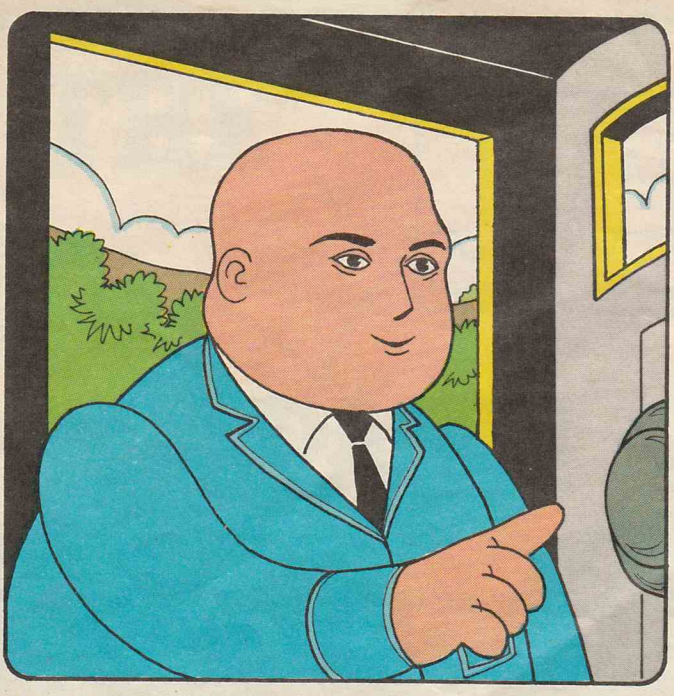


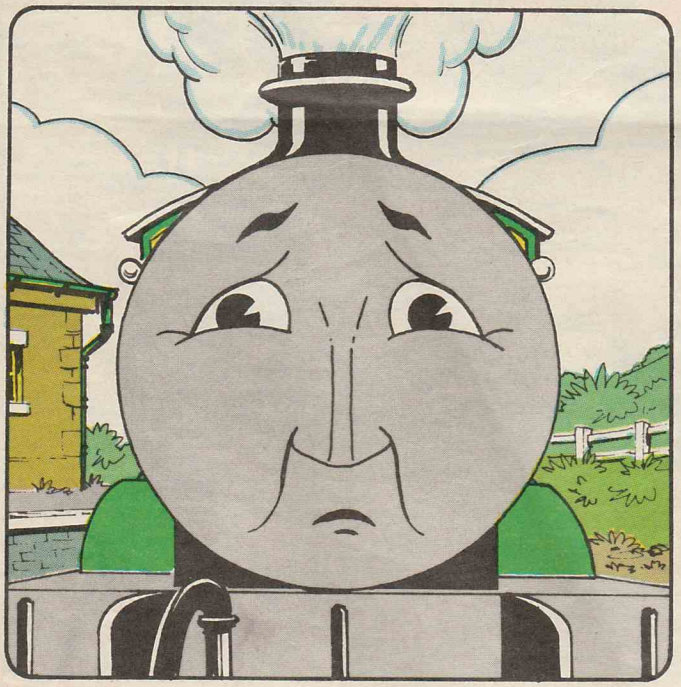
1. One morning Henry was feeling very sorry for himself. Sometimes he felt he had no strength at all. "I suffer dreadfully, and no one cares," he moaned to himself.

2. "You're too expensive, Henry," the Fat Controller said. "You've had new parts and new paint too. If we can't make you better, we'll have to get another engine."

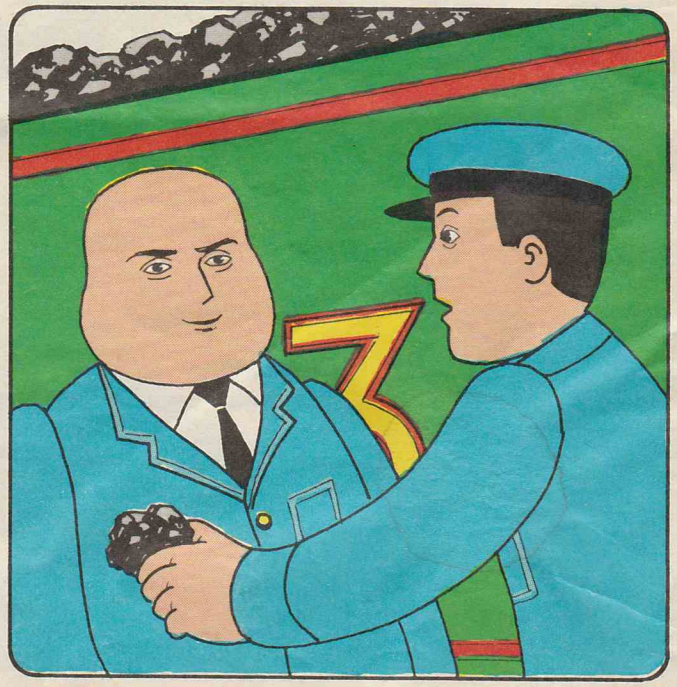


3. Henry, his driver and his fireman were very sad. The Fat Controller was waiting for Henry on the platform. He had taken off his hat and coat and put on overalls instead.

4. Henry managed to start but his fireman was not satisfied. "Henry is a bad steamer," he said to the Fat Controller. "I'm afraid that the fire just isn't giving enough heat."

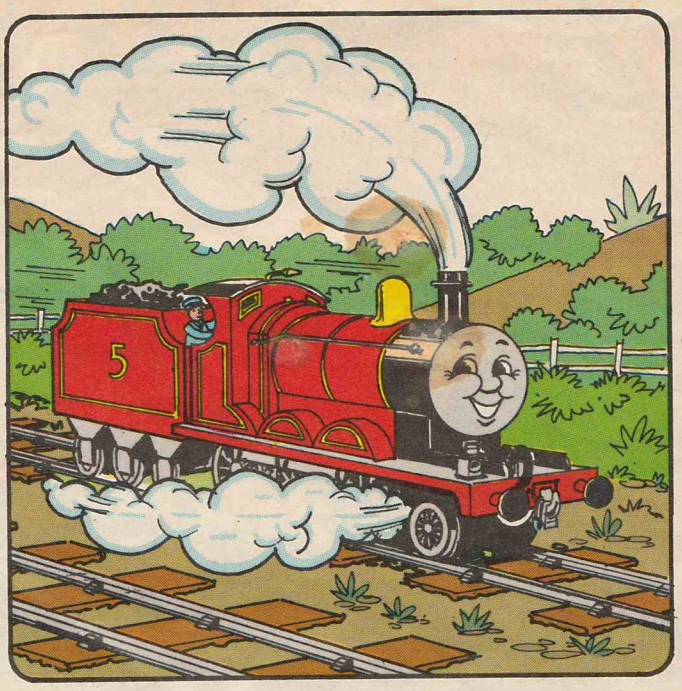


5. Henry tried very hard, but it was no good. He did not have enough steam, and all he could do was to go slowly on to a siding. "Oh, dear. Oh dear," he puffed.

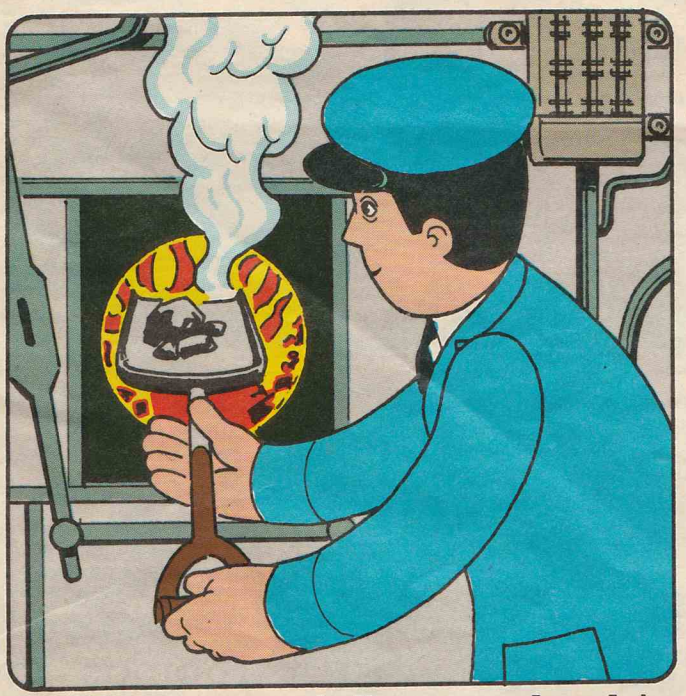


6. "What do you think is wrong, Fireman?" asked the Fat Controller. "Excuse me, sir," he answered. "But the fact is the coal is wrong. We had a poor lot."

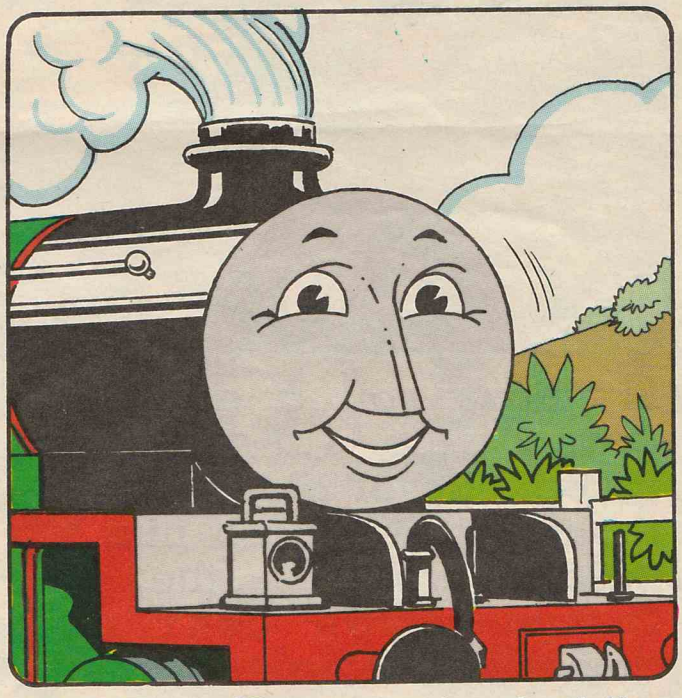
7. "The other engines can manage," said the fireman. "They have big fireboxes. Henry's is too small to make the heat. With Welsh coal he'd be a different engine."



8. "It's expensive," said the Fat Controller. "But Henry must be given a fair chance. James shall go and fetch some." Henry's driver and fireman were pleased.



9. They carefully made his fire, putting lumps of coal like a wall round the edge. Then they covered over the glowing middle part with lots of smaller lumps.



10. When Henry arrived at the platform, the water was boiling nicely, and he had to let off steam. "Pip, peep, peep!" he whistled proudly. "I feel fine now!"

11. "Have you a good fire, Driver?" the Fat Controller asked. "Never better, sir," he replied. "Don't push him too hard," warned the Fat Controller. "We don't need any record breaking." Henry had a lovely day. He had never felt so well in his life. He wanted to go fast but his driver just said, "There's plenty of time."

12. They arrived early at the station. Thomas puffed in. "Where have you been, lazy bones?" asked Henry. "I can't wait for a dawdling Tank Engine like you. Goodbye." "Whooosh," said Thomas to Annie and Clarabel. "Have you ever seen anything like that before?" Both Annie and Clarabel agreed that they never had.

THE END

Turn to page 13 for another story about Henry!

PUZZLE TIME!

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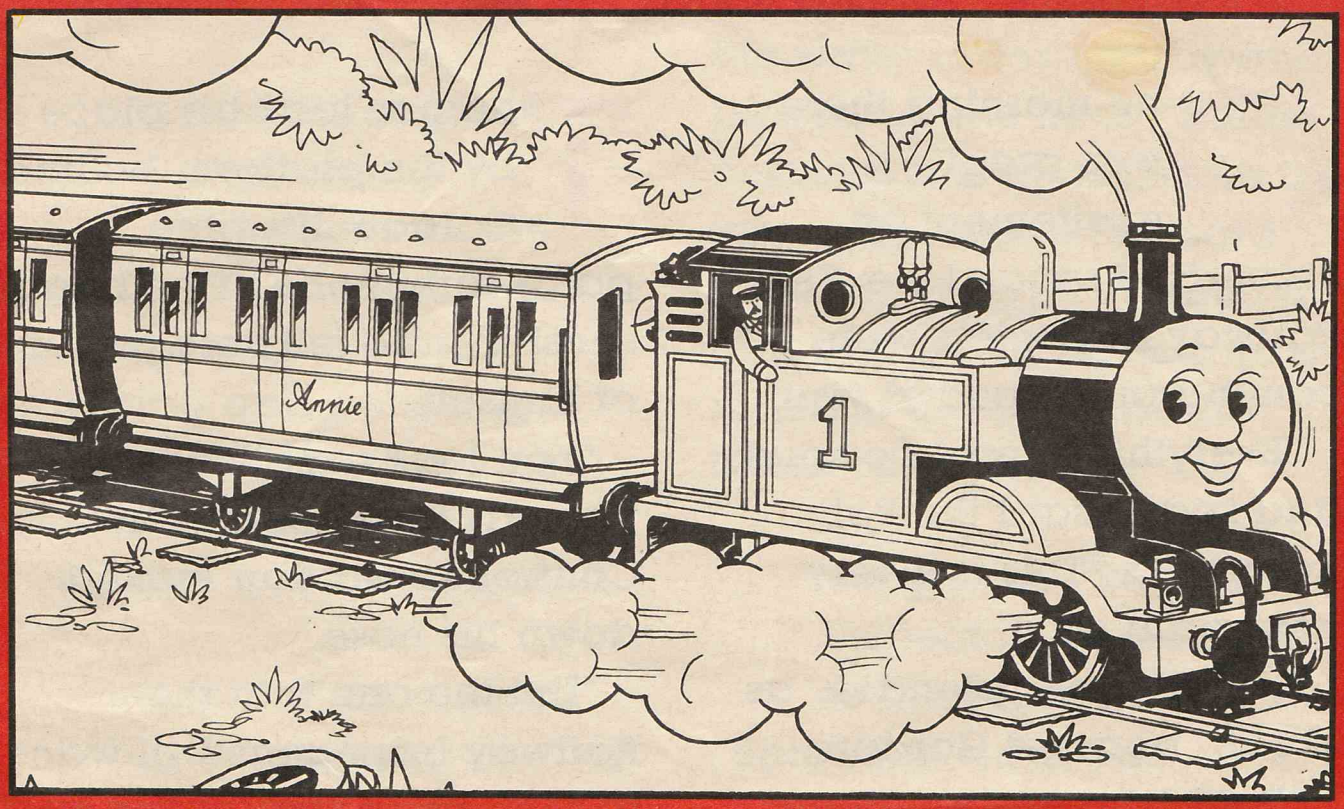
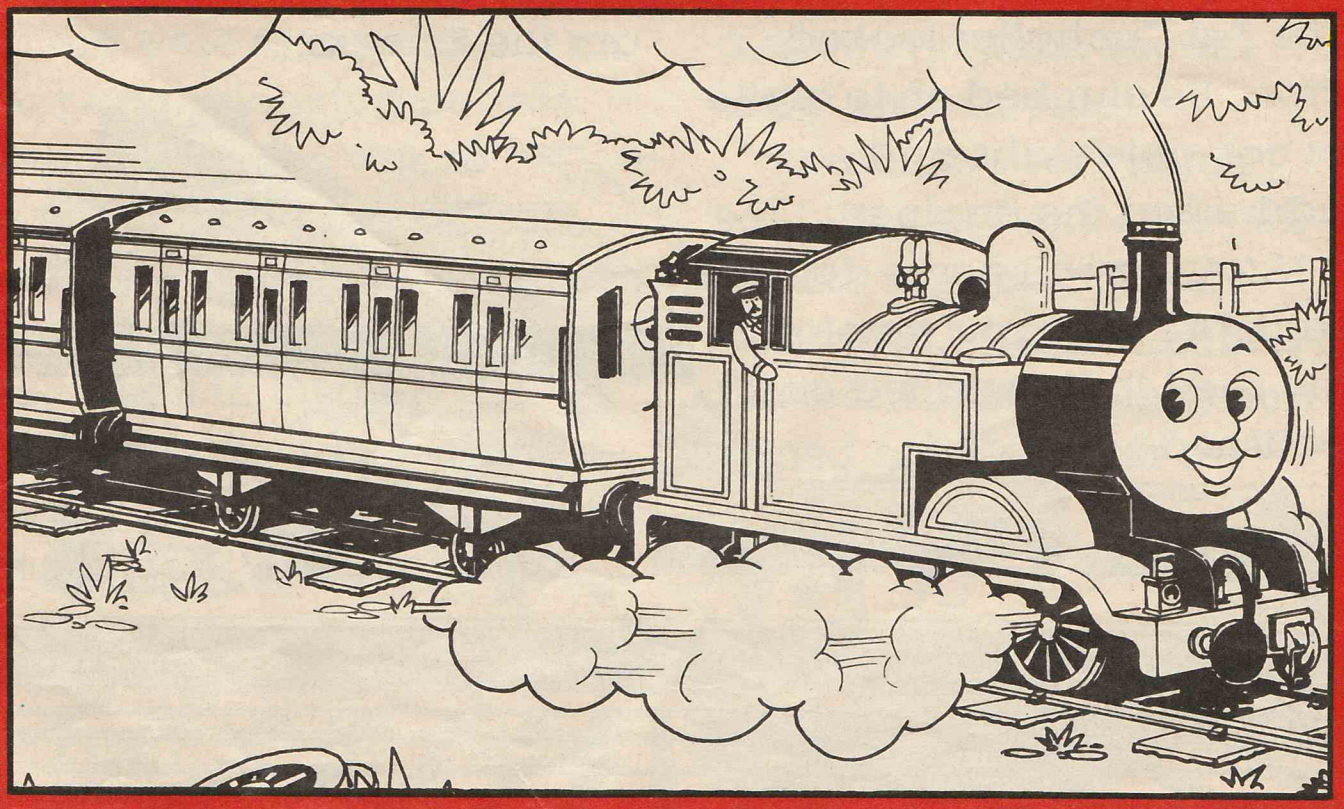




A read-aloud story!

Railway Insp

One morning there was great excitement on Thomas's Branch Line. The Railway Inspectors were coming on a special visit.

"Everything must be spick and span," said the Fat Controller. "This is a very important day!"

"I shall look splendid, as usual," boasted Gordon.

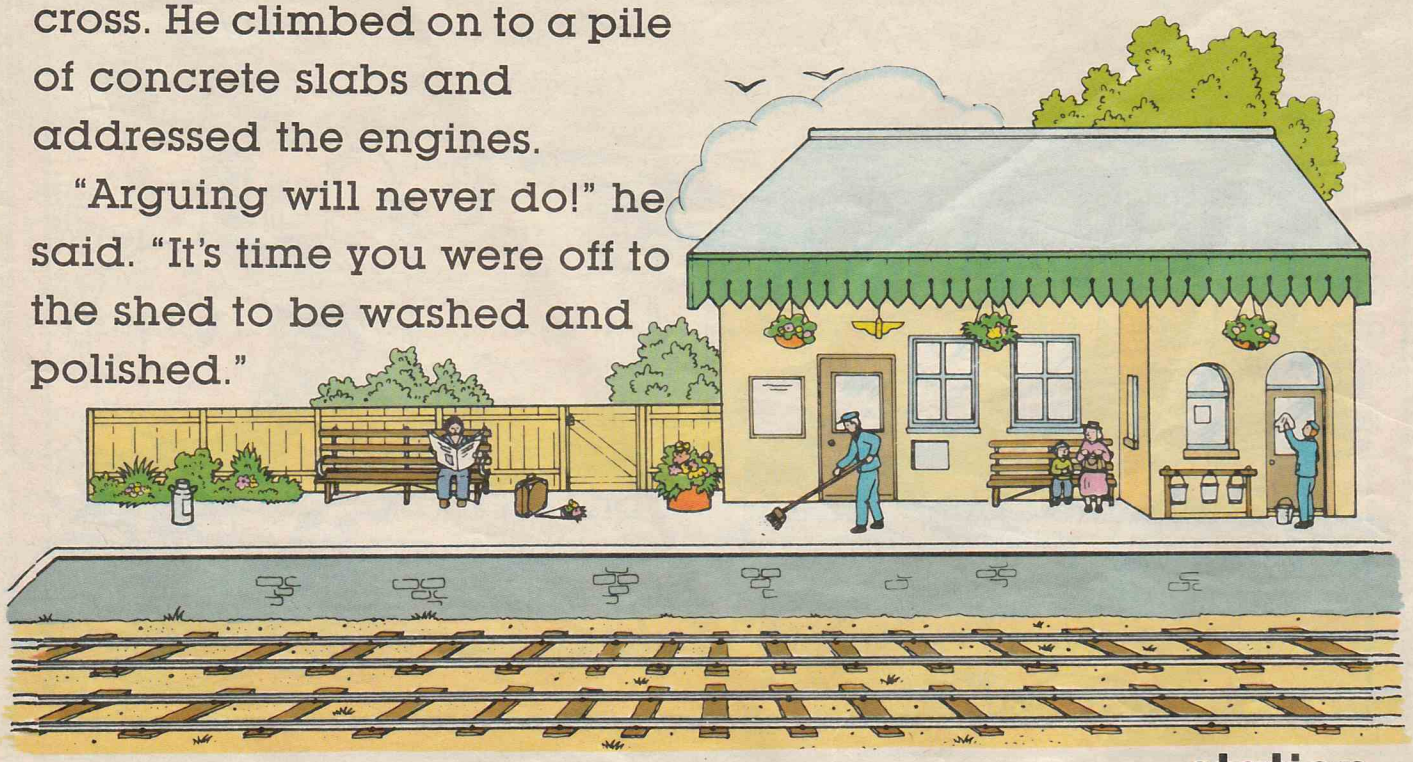
"Rubbish!" replied Henry. The Fat Controller looked cross. He climbed on to a pile of concrete slabs and addressed the engines.

"Arguing will never do!" he said. "It's time you were off to the shed to be washed and polished."

Thomas took his place by the platform behind Gordon. His blue paintwork shone in the bright sunshine. He felt very proud of himself.

"You look excellent, Thomas," said the Fat Controller. Gordon looked down his nose.

"**I'm** the one that the Railway Inspectors will want to see!" he sniffed. "After all, I am the **Express**!"



station

pectors

While the engines were being prepared for the special visit, the rest of the railway staff were busy sweeping and polishing. Soon the station was looking spotlessly clean. The Fat Controller was very pleased.

Just at that moment, a big, black car pulled up outside the station There were four very important-looking people inside. Thomas was so excited that a big puff of smoke escaped from his funnel. His driver had forgotten to clean it. Suddenly the air was full of black soot. It drifted all over the clean station – and Gordon too.

"Oh! Oh!" cried Thomas. "I am sorry!" The Fat Controller looked most annoyed, and Gordon's face was red with rage.

"It's my fault," said Thomas's driver, jumping down on to the platform. He hurried to the water tower nearby and picked up the hose. "I must clear up this mess before the inspectors arrive," he said. Then he sent a jet of water out across the dirty station. In a moment the soot had all been washed away.

Just then the Railway Inspectors came out on to the platform. "Splendid!" said one.

"A perfect example of how a railway station should look," said another.

"Thank you very much," said the Fat Controller. "We do like to keep up our standards." Thomas smiled to himself. Luckily, things had turned out well after all.

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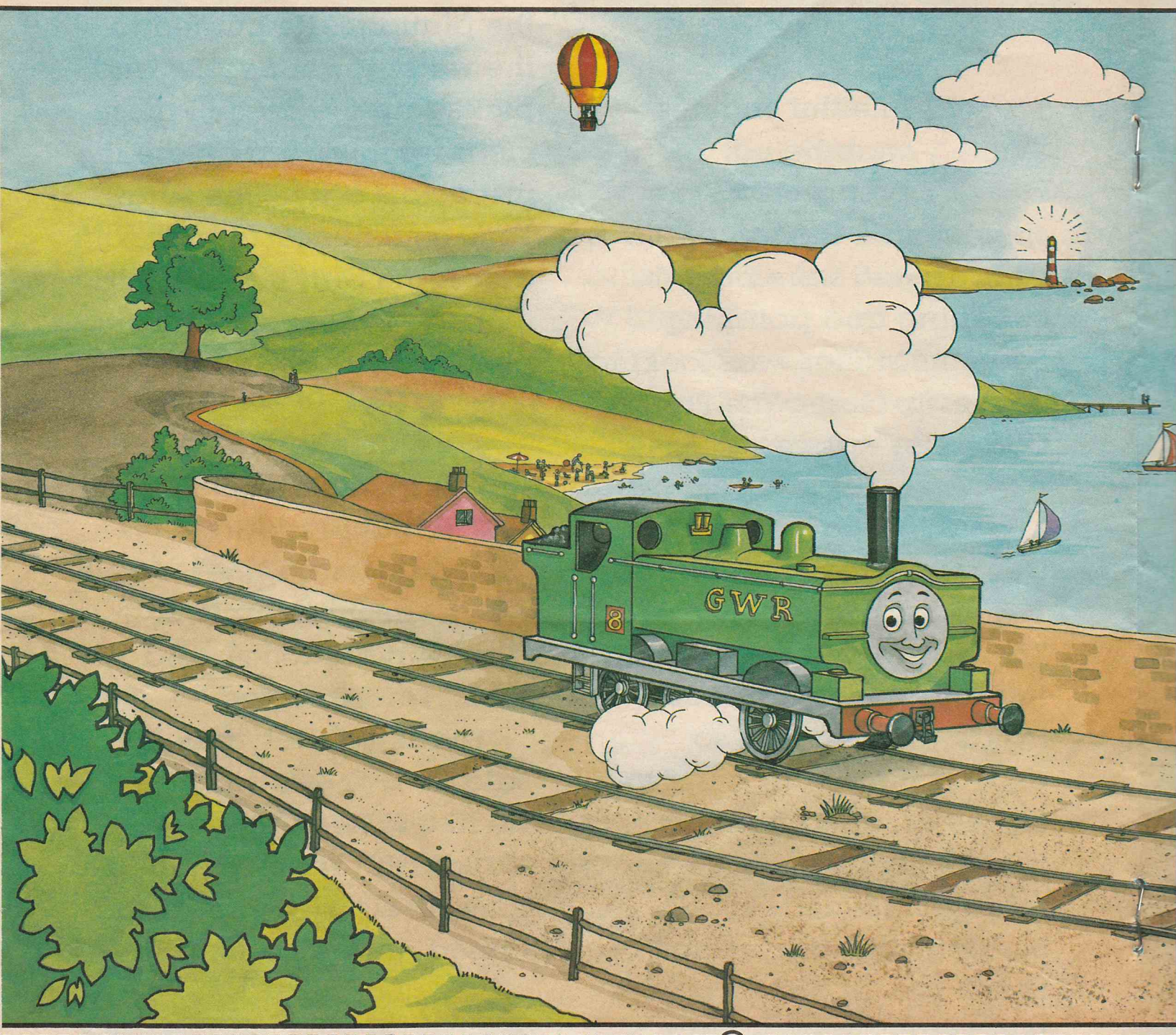

Here is Duck, the GWR Pannier Tank Engine!

What number is he?

Is Duck happy or sad?

How many yachts can you see?

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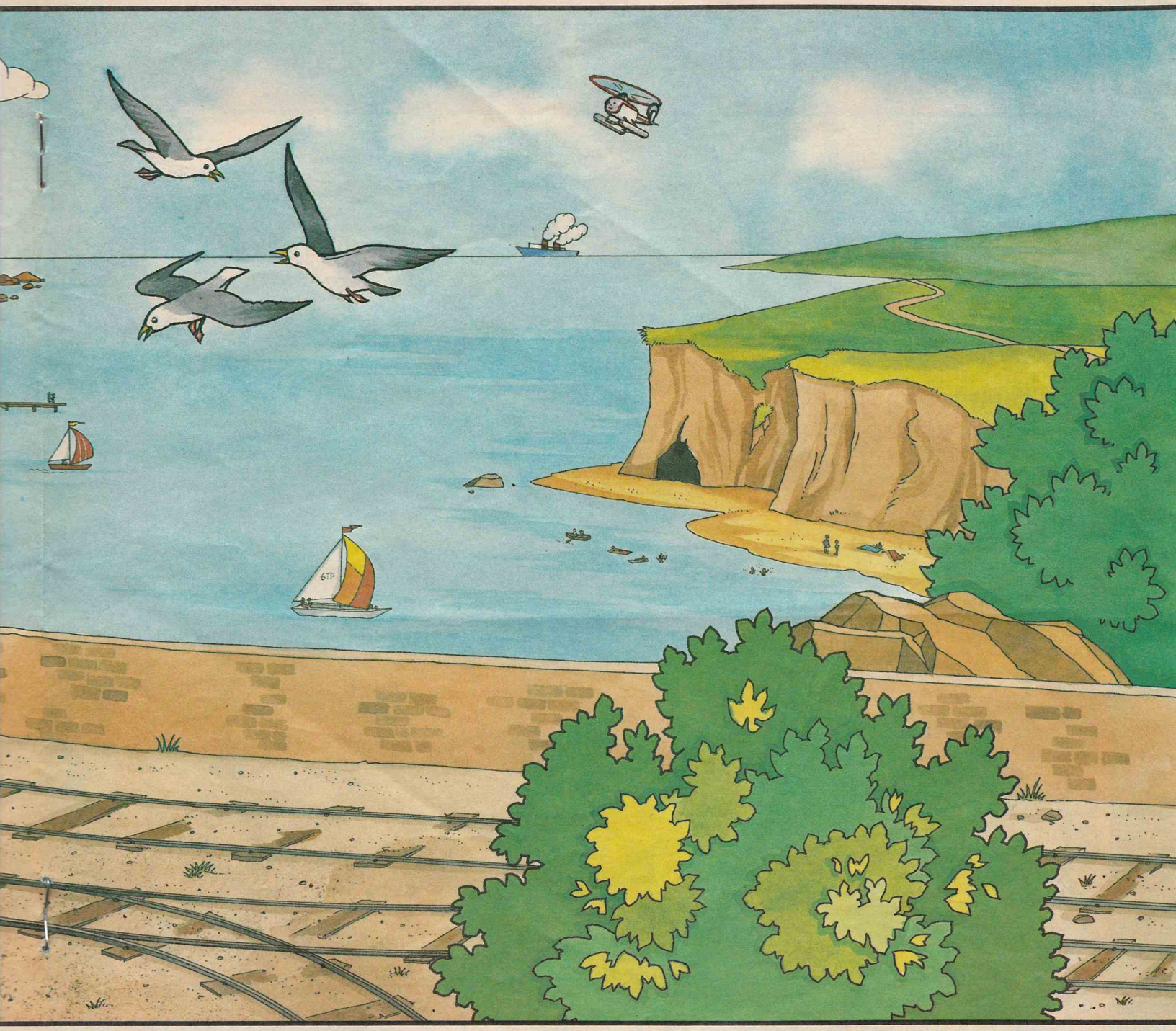

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ee Harold the Helicopter?

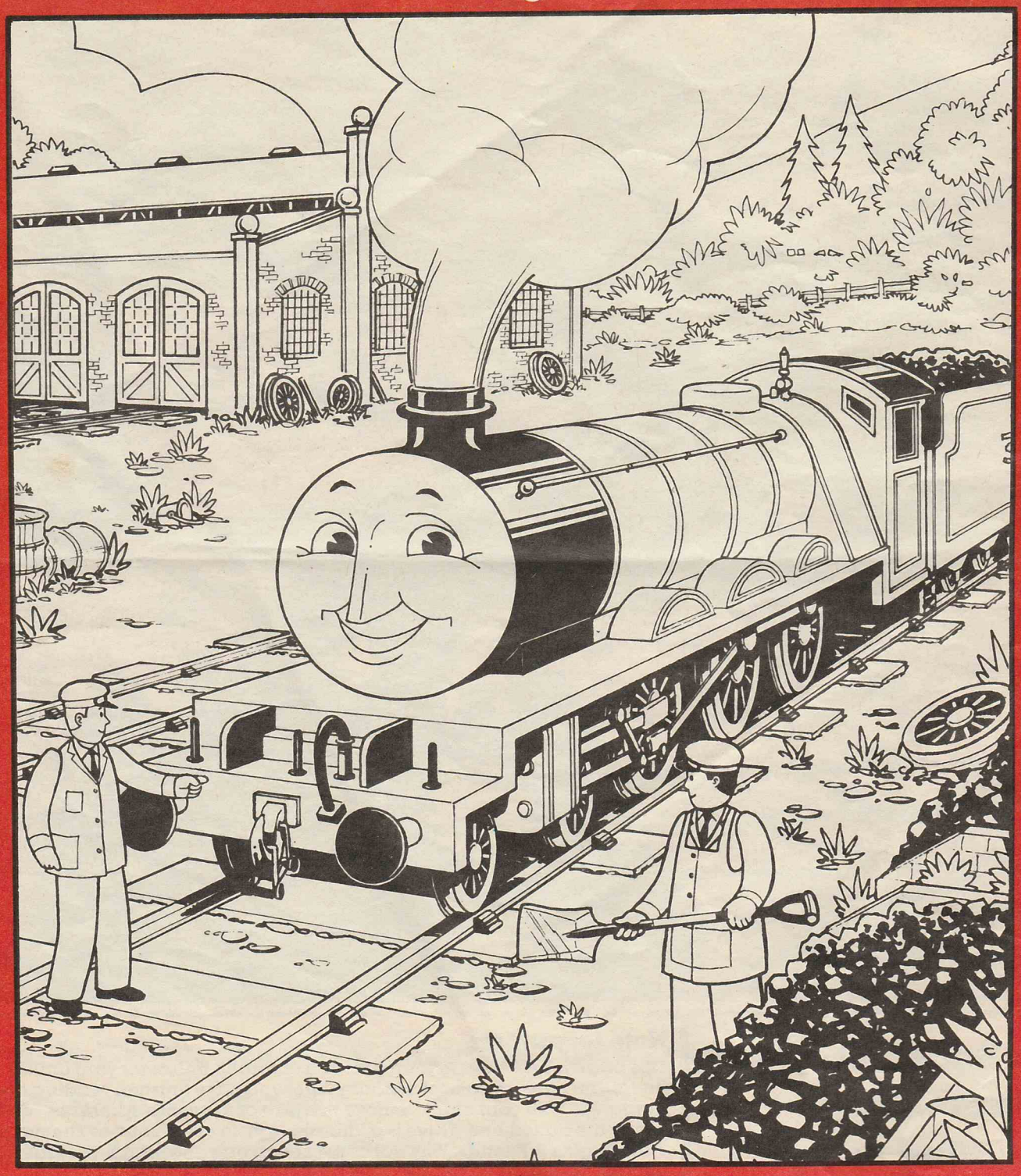
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the magazine with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There is a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends**. Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room?

Next: Through the tunnel!

COLOURING TIME!

Colour in Henry the Green Engine and make him gleam!



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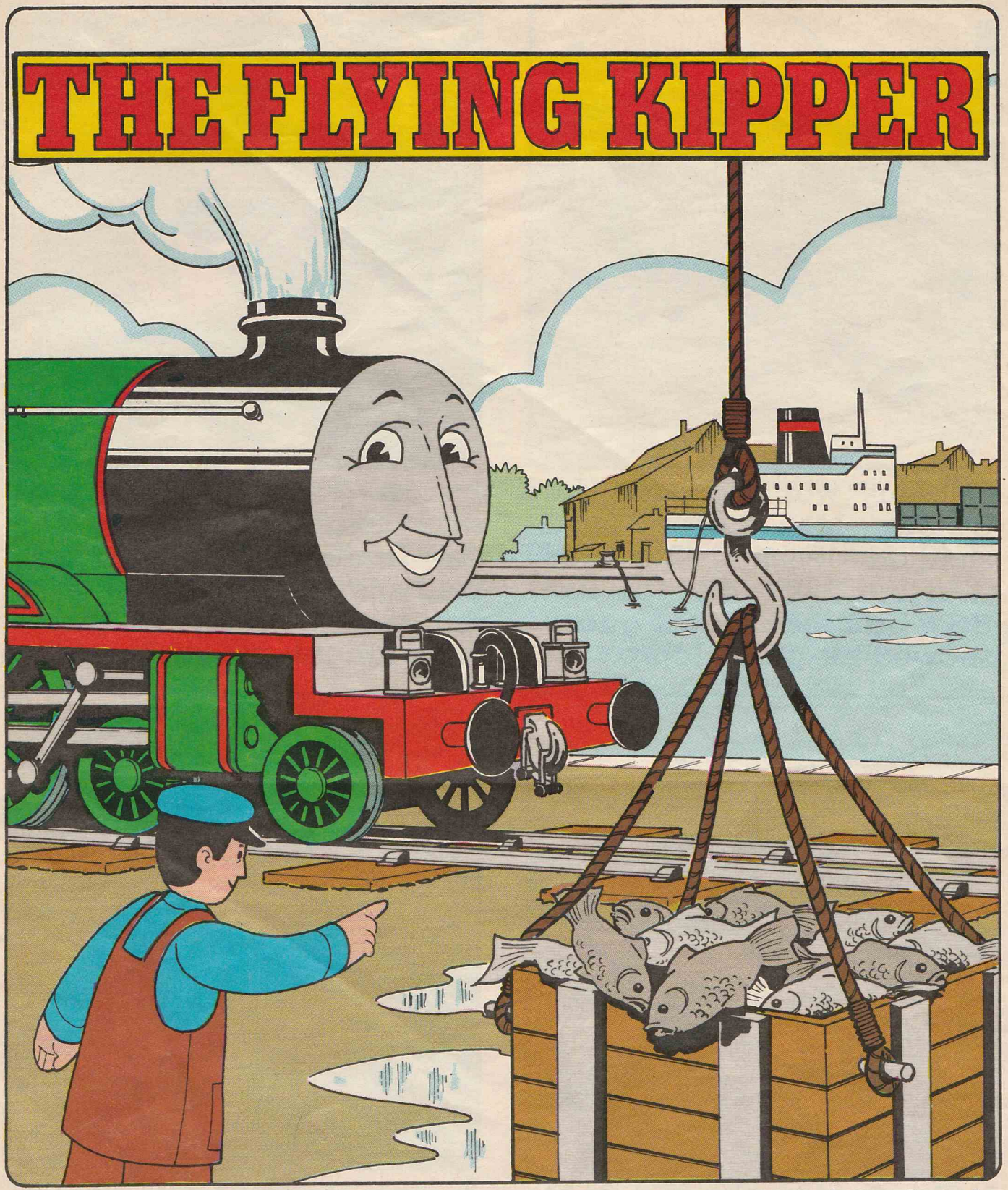
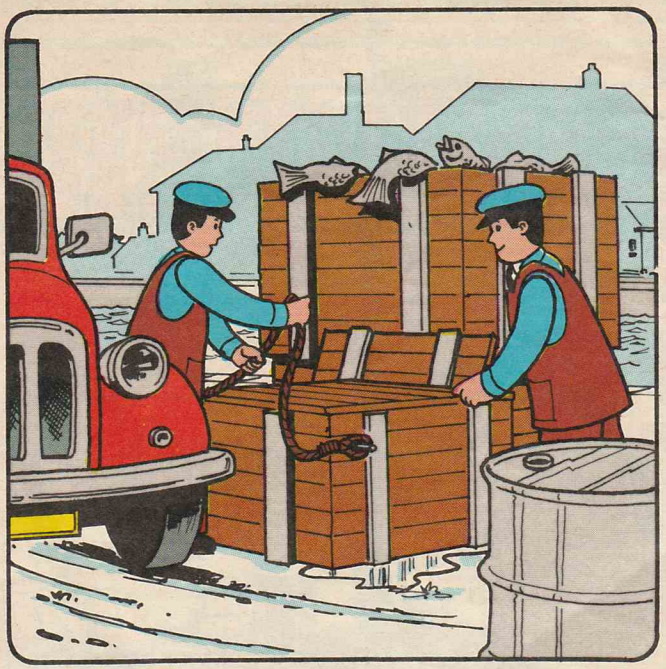
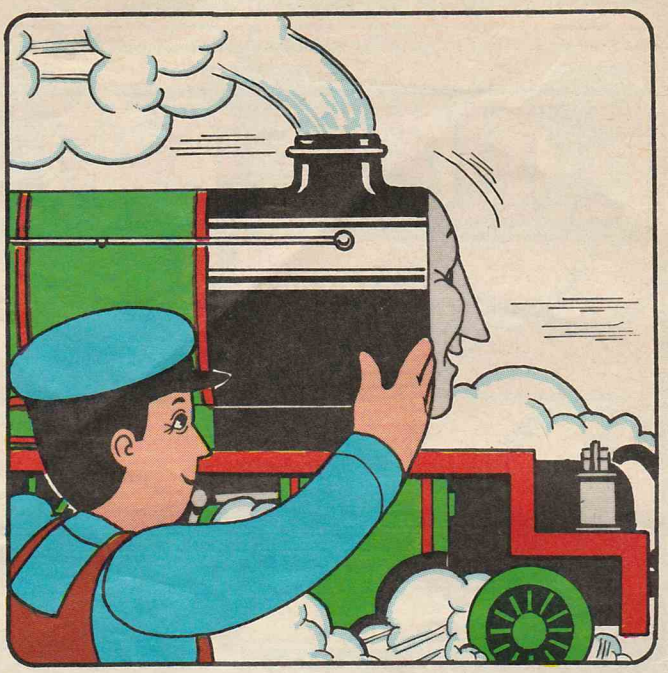


1. "We shall be out early tomorrow," Henry's driver said, one winter evening. "We're going to take 'The Flying Kipper.'" That's the train that carries the fish.

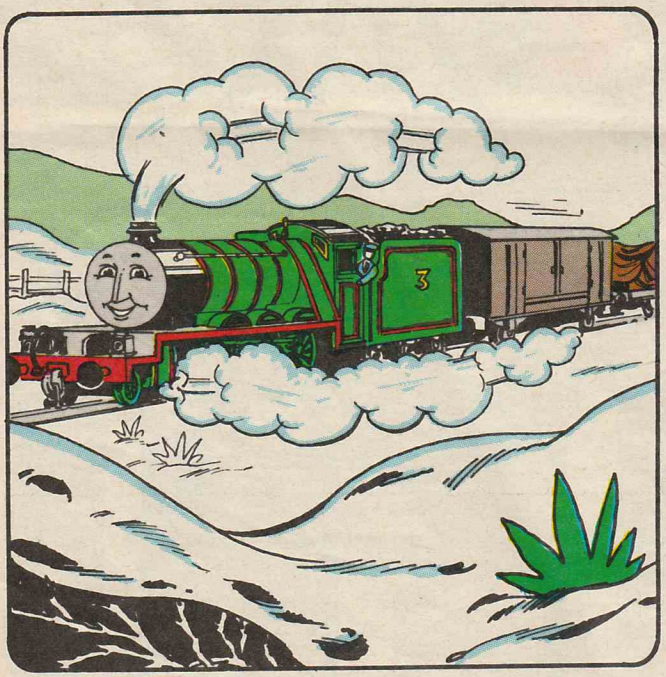
2. The fishing boats unload their fish on the quay of the harbour by the sea. Some of it goes to shops in the town, but the rest goes on 'The Flying Kipper' to other places.



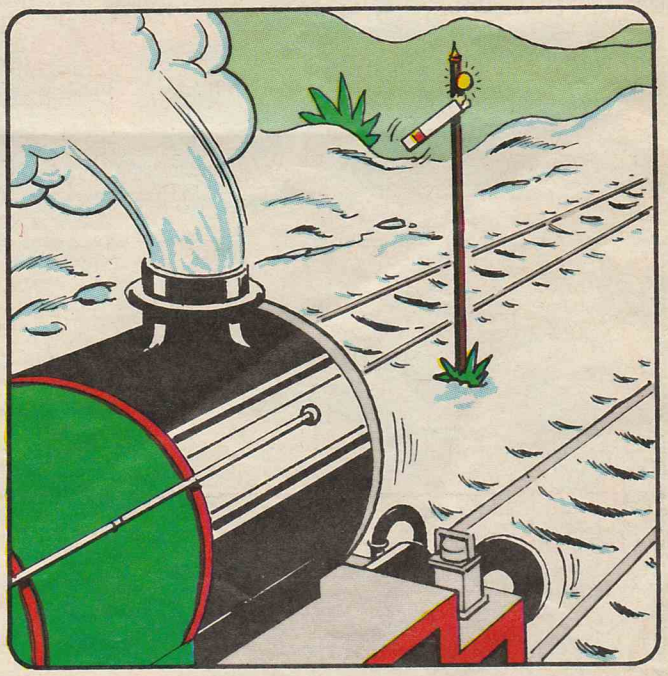
3. Henry was ready at five o'clock. Men hustled and shouted, loading the vans with crates of fish. The last door banged and the guard showed his green lamp.



4. The 'Flying Kipper' was ready to go. "Come on! Come on! Don't be silly," puffed Henry to the vans. The vans shook and groaned, "Trock, trick, alright, alright."

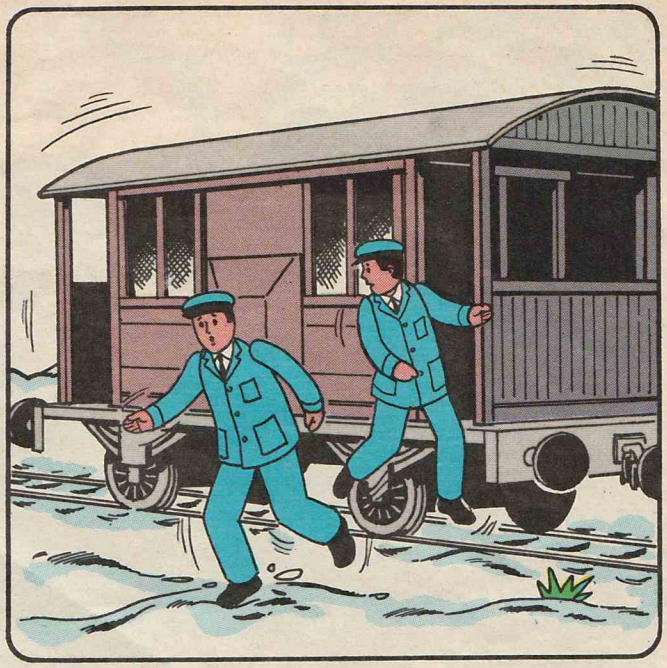


5. Clouds of smoke and steam poured from his funnel into the cold air and the fire's light shone brightly. They were going well. "Hurry, hurry, hurry," panted Henry.



6. The signal lights shone green as they passed. Then a yellow signal appeared ahead. Henry's driver was prepared to stop but the home signal was down.

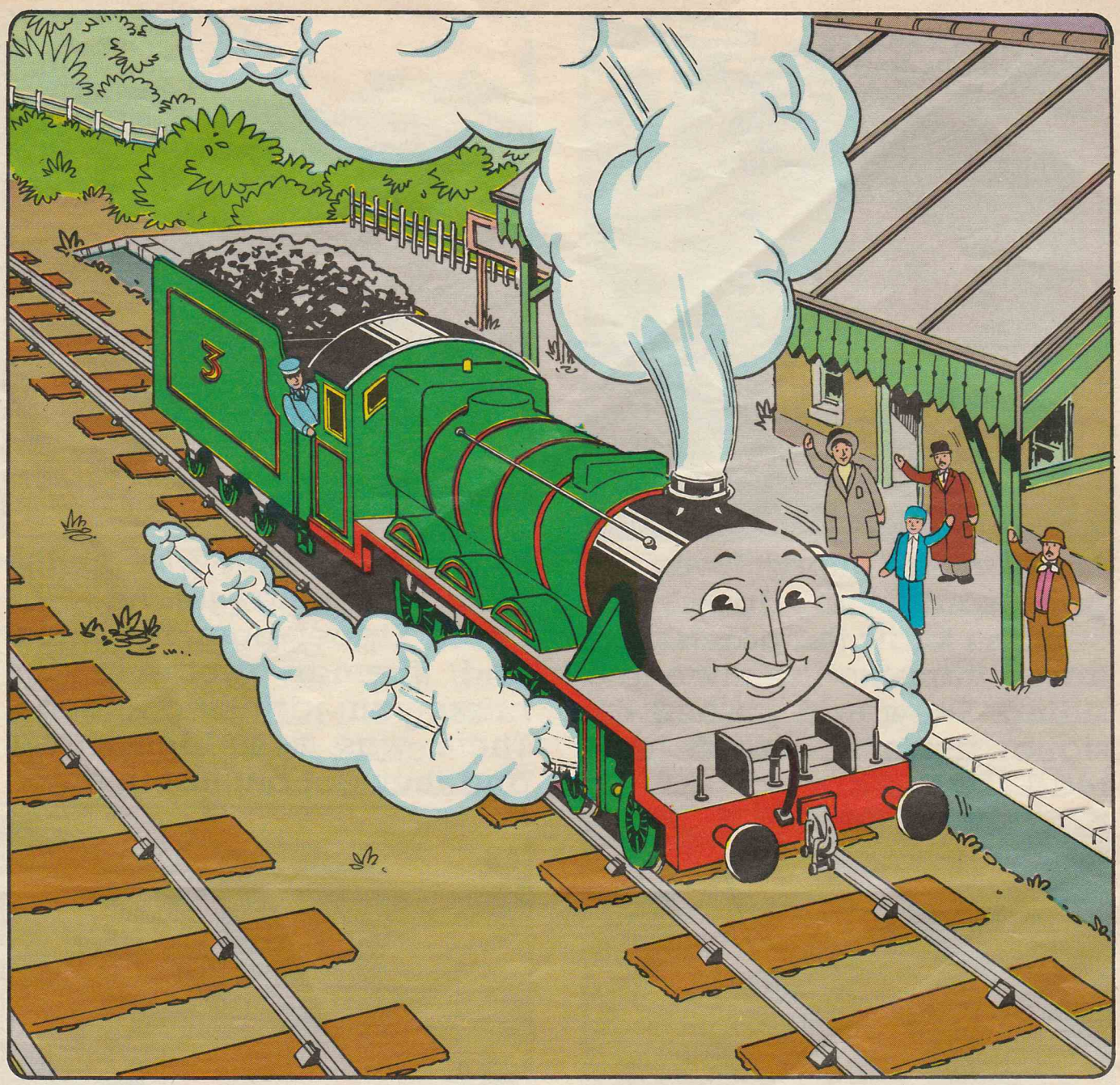
7. "All clear Henry! Away we go," said the driver. He couldn't know the points were frozen from the mainline to a siding. Snow had pushed the signal down. It should have read, 'DANGER'.



8. A goods train was in the siding waiting to let 'The Flying Kipper' pass. The driver and fireman were in the brake-van drinking cocoa. There was a sudden crash, and they got out just in time.

9. Henry's driver and fireman had jumped out before the crash, but Henry lay dazed and surprised. The Fat Controller came to see him. "Cheer up," he said.

10. "The signal was down, sir," said Henry. "It was not your fault, Henry," said the Fat Controller. "Snow and ice caused the accident. I'm sending you to Crewe."



11. "Crewe is a fine place for sick engines," the Fat Controller continued. "They will give you a new shape and a larger firebox. You will feel like a different engine and you won't need special coal anymore. Won't that be nice?" "Yes, sir," said Henry doubtfully. Henry liked being at Crewe, but was glad to come home.

12. A crowd of people were waiting to see him arrive in his new shape. He looked so splendid and strong that they gave him three cheers. "Peep, peep, pip, pip!" he whistled. "Thank you very much." I am sorry to say that a lot of little school children are often late for school because they wait to see Henry go by.

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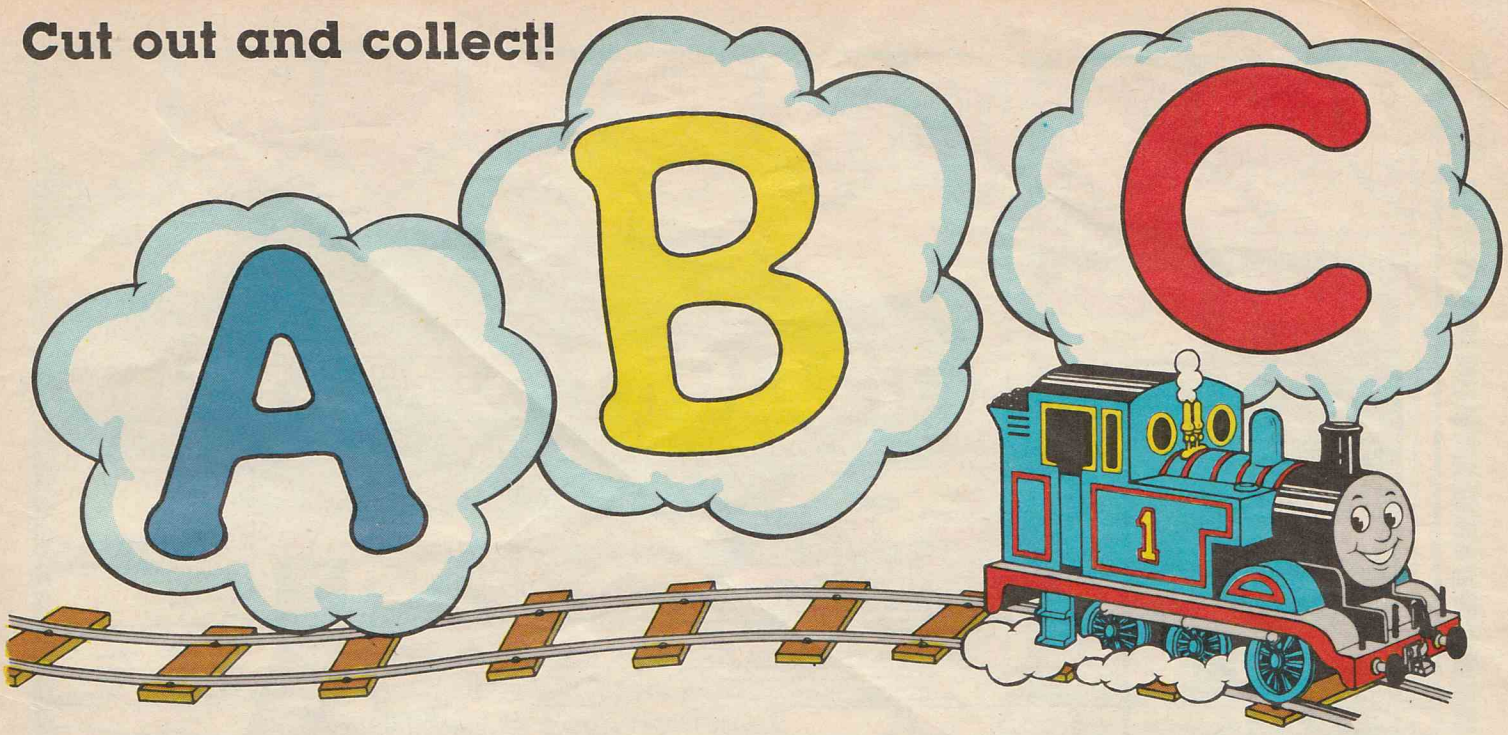
In our next issue: Read how Toby first came to the yard!

Cut out and collect!



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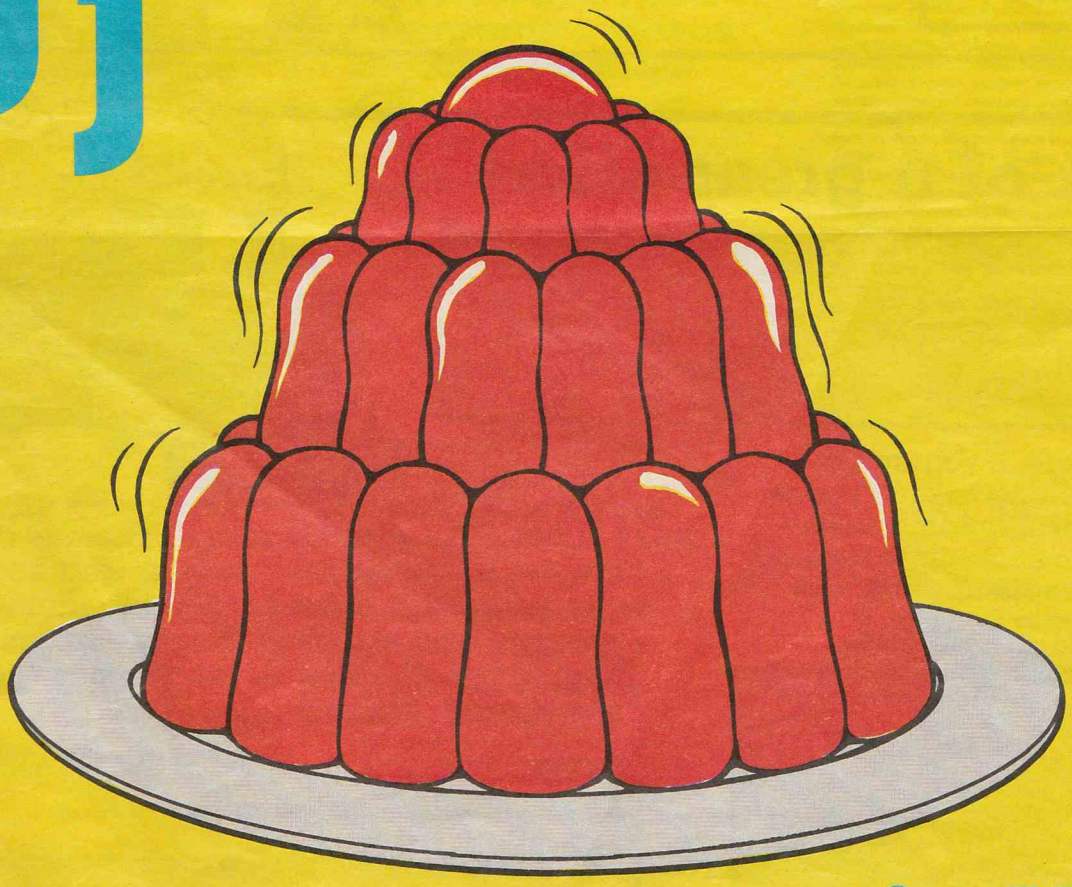

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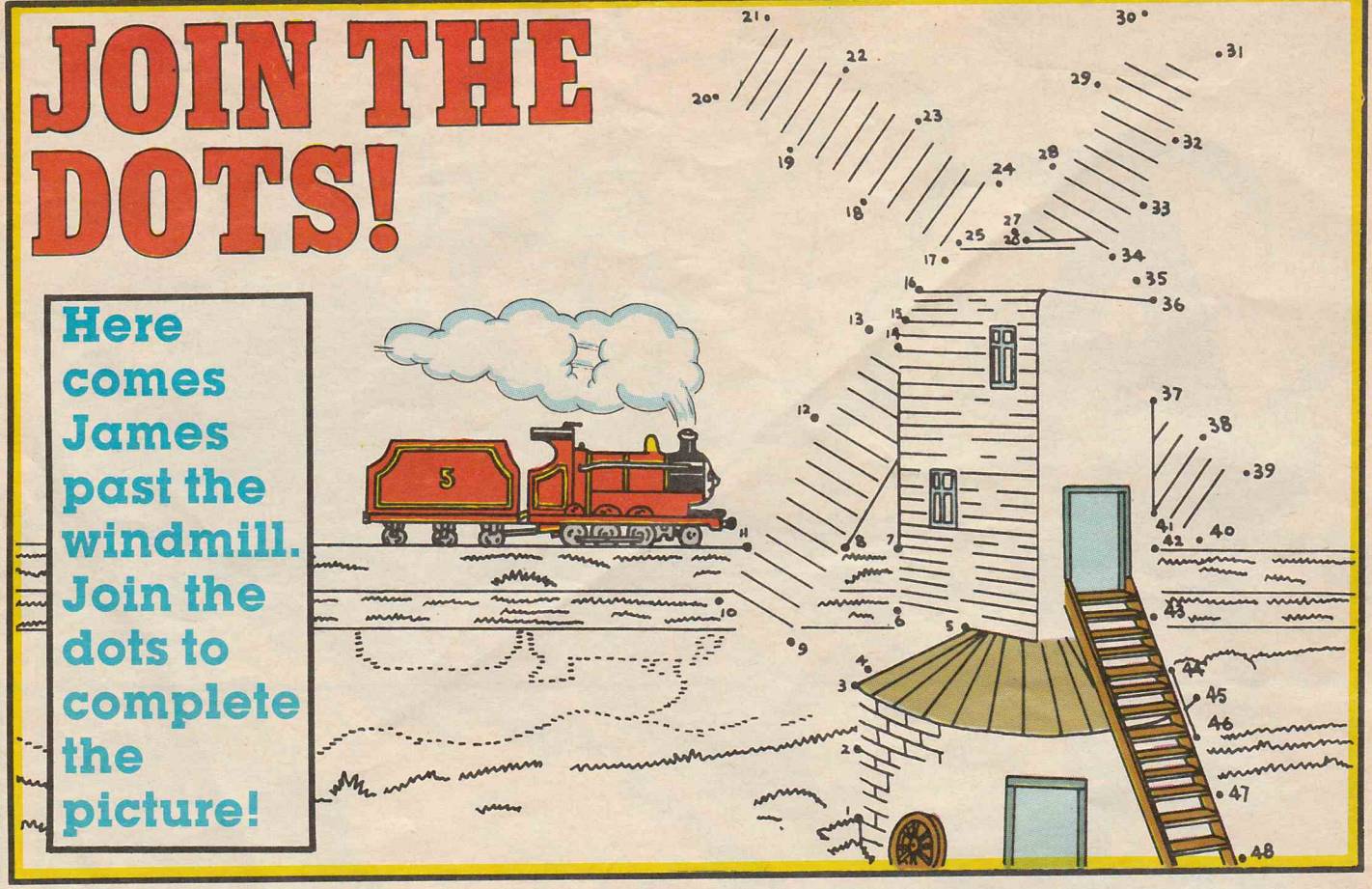
JOIN THE DOTS!

Here comes James past the windmill. Join the dots to complete the picture!



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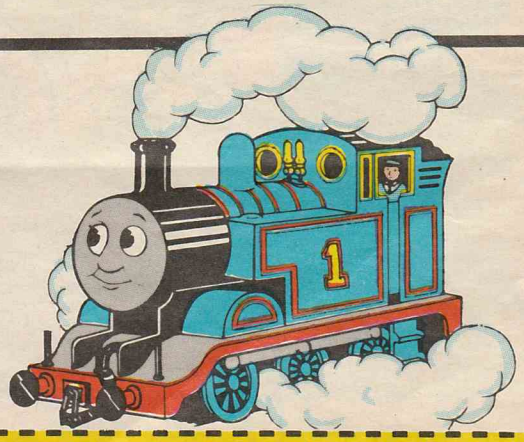

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THE FAT CONTROLLER

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,

My daddy has got a real steam engine similar to Percy, only blue. He says if one of your engines breaks down you can borrow his.

Love from **Michael**, aged 3½.

That is very kind. Thank you very much. Michael wins a **Thomas the Tank Engine mug** from *Bluebird*.

JAMES'S JAPES!

What did the bullfighter say to the chicken?
O lay!

Marcus.

What has 4 legs and 1 foot?
A bed!

Joanna.

TRAIN RIDE!

Dear Fat Controller,

I went for a ride on a steam train. I went on the footplate of the Clun Castle as well, and I saw the controls.

Love from **Ffion**, aged 2½.

That really does sound most exciting, Ffion!

COMPETITION WINNERS!

Here are the names of the 100 lucky winners of Gordon's Splendid Colouring Competition which appeared in issue 4 of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends!

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They all win a Thomas the Tank Engine Tell-a-Tale talking book from *Pickwick*!

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt

The Fat Controller.

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